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Pebble's Keystone science review generated more controversy this week when a respected panelist said that Pebble's baseline data did not adequately address "the importance and role of the sport fishing economy in the regional economy," and in fact diminished it. In response, Pebble CEO John Shively further minimized the sport fishing and hunting jobs and industry as based on "a huge amount of corporate money that is spent that are largely tax write offs that supports that recreational lodge industry out there..."

Sportsmen, like lodge owner and businessman Brian Kraft, shot back in a piece by *Fly Rod and Reel*. Kraft noted that roughly 40 percent of his customers are Alaskan or involved directly in Alaska business, and that his business spends over \$750,000 with locally-owned air transport companies alone. "Our commitment and involvement through our sport fishing lodge on the Kvichak River generates over \$250,000 per year through the Igiugig Village Council, which is a small community of 63 year-round residents," said Kraft, owner of the Alaska Sportsman's Lodge.

In Pennsylvania, a minister authored an op-ed in *The Patriot-News* called "Fools gold? Alaska wildlife area under threat." Rev. Marja L. Coons-Torn writes: "This time, let's learn our lesson and prevent the damage before it can start. The Clean Water Act can be used to stop Pebble Mine from being built, if we have the political will to do so. We owe it to the thousands of Alaskans who depend on Bristol Bay's clean waters. We owe it to the salmon, part of God's irreplaceable gift of creation. And we owe it to future generations, to spare them another ecological disaster that seems likely to unfold."

Pebble mine backers sent out a press release to mark their millionth foot of core samples since drilling began in 1988. That millionth foot was part of a core sample that dug down to 1,715 feet. They said some 1,075 core holes have been drilled at Pebble equivalent to 189 miles.

Lastly, Pebble Partner Anglo American continues to face strikes, protests and violence in South African mines in a lengthening dispute over wages. And an Alaska agency sent out a casting call for Pebble ads asking for actors to play scientists, field researchers and lab workers "and look credible doing it."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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ISER Researcher Criticizes Pebble Data

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Fly Rod & Reel

Week 2 of the Keystone Center's process on Pebble Mine wrapped up this afternoon in Anchorage, capped by an incisive appraisal from a researcher at the well-respected UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research. Steve Colt, a Professor of Economics with ISER, had this to say...[Click here to read more](#)

Fool's gold? Alaskan wildlife area under threat

Marja L. Coons-Torn

Patriot News

My husband and I are fans of wild salmon as a dish at dinner, but I confess I never took the time to know much about where it came from or who was involved. I've learned quite a bit recently about salmon, the people who bring it to our tables and looming threats to them...[Click here to read more](#)

GOP Lawmaker questions why EPA canceled Alaska mine briefing

Zack Colman

The Hill

A GOP lawmaker wants to know why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) canceled a briefing on activities that the mining industry worries will deter investment...[Click here to read more](#)

So you wanna be a star

Alaska Ear

Anchorage Daily News

Bradley Reid, one of Alaska's ad agencies, issued a call last month for 36 people to appear in a series of TV commercials pushing the Pebble mine. Here's what they said...[Click here to read more](#)

Jerry Brown should join fight to protect salmon

Eric Marxmiller San Francisco, CA

Sacramento Bee

Re "Collaborative solutions will benefit 'Pacific Salmon States'" (Viewpoints, Sept. 27):
For over 20 years, my Bay Area family has joined more than 1,000 fishermen who travel to Alaska each year to fish the Bristol Bay Sockeye run. Right now, the EPA is trying to protect the 14,000 jobs and Bristol Bay natives' way of life...[Click here to read more](#)

Opinion: Keystone Pebble dialogue lacking, EPA's on target

George Wilson

The Bristol Bay Times and Dutch Harbor Fisherman

I remember the first time the folks from the Keystone Center came to visit us in Bristol Bay. A few years ago, a Colorado think tank had come on a listening tour, to hear what the people all around the Bay had to say about the proposed Pebble Mine...[Click here to read more](#)

Pebble data reviewed by scientist panel

Carey Restino

The Bristol Bay Times

As more than 100 protesters gathered outside, the first of two weeks of meetings to provide a scientific peer review of baseline data gathered by the Pebble Partnership got underway this week in Anchorage. The Keystone Center, a Colorado-based nonprofit hired by Pebble to facilitate a dialogue regarding the proposed mine, has assembled panels of scientists to examine everything from geology to socioeconomic data...[Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay fisheries expert denied role on Pebble's Keystone panel

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

In late September, a Colorado firm named scientists to serve on Anchorage panels to review studies, prepared by the Pebble Limited Partnership, to show that large-scale mines can co-exist with fisheries in the Bristol Bay watershed...[Click here to read more](#)

South Africa: Mine Strikes Escalate

Roman Baudzus

Resource Investor

Strikes at South African mines have coincided with the sudden resignation of Aquarius Platinum's CEO. Stuart Murray has not offered any comments on his motives. But it seems clear that the situation in the country's mining sector is escalating, with production at Anglo American Platinum suspended last Friday...[Click here to read more](#)

Pebble Project Drill Program Achieves Million Foot Milestone

Northern Dynasty Release

Canada Newswire

Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. reports that on September 20, 2012, the Pebble Limited Partnership surpassed one million feet of core drilled at the Pebble Project, one of the most important concentrations of copper, gold, molybdenum and silver in the world...

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Independent Review of Pebble mine Research Raises Questions

Rhonda McBride

KTUU

Can mining and salmon co-exist? That debate is being heard in Anchorage this week over the proposed Pebble Mine project...[Click here to watch and read more](#)

Anglo Platinum CEO, 3 More Bow Out Amidst South African Miner Strikes

Tara Berezowsky

Metal Miner

The heads of four top platinum producing companies have picked the absolute worst time to skip town. The WSJ blog The Source reported that the CEOs of Anglo American Platinum, Lonmin, Aquarius Platinum and Impala Holdings – an exclusive club of the top platinum producers on the planet – have stepped down...[Click here to read more](#)

S. Africa: Union accuses platinum producer of racism

Rodney Muhumuza, AP

The Seattle Times and AP Google

The National Union of Mineworkers accused Anglo American Platinum Monday of "racism" as the impasse between striking miners and the world's top platinum producer escalated...[Click here to read more](#)

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